



The Gavel



Newsletter of the Lycoming County Paralegal Association

Annual LCPA Meeting: Officers and Directors Elected for 2012

On December 14th the LCPA had its annual meeting and luncheon wherein the officers and directors for next year were elected as follows:

Pam Toseki – President
Stephanie Tempesco – Vice President
Sue Jones – Secretary
Rachael Lepley Joy – Treasurer
Jason Lepley – Director
Michele Frey – Director
Julie Moodler – Director



membership

Membership Renewal:

It is time to renew your LCPA membership. Applications for membership will be distributed shortly. Please encourage other paralegals to consider joining the LCPA. We offer regular lunch and learn meetings at no cost to our members! Most attorneys/firms will cover the membership costs.

Also, if you've never joined an LCPA committee, now is a great time to contemplate becoming more involved in the paralegal association. The LCPA encourages all members to be active participants.

The LCPA Committees are: Membership, NFPA, Continuing Education, Job Bank, Service Project, Finance, Newsletter, and Keystone Alliance.



Annual Holiday Service Project:

Again this year the LCPA provided a needy local family with holiday gifts and cheer. This year we “adopted” a single mother with six children. This family was especially needy as they lost residence at their rental property secondary to the September flooding and were being housed by a local church.

The LCPA raised \$1,080.00 in donations and contributed \$300.00 from its general fund. The LCPA would like to acknowledge the following law firms and attorneys for their generosity with respect to this service project:

Miele & Rymza, PC

McNerney Page, et. al.

Christian D. Frey, Esquire

Jeffrey Yates, Esquire

Robin A. Read, Esquire

The LCPA also thanks Pam Toseki and Sue Jones for doing all of the gift shopping (and wrapping). We were able to purchase everything on the needy family’s gift list and also grocery cards. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this community service project a success again this year.





A Special Thanks:

The LCPA wants to extend a very special thank you to the individual or entity that provided a five hundred dollar donation to our holiday service project.

Your generosity has allowed for our organization not only to provide winter coats, toys and household goods to an extremely needy local family, but we were also able to provide grocery gift cards. In all likelihood, without this sizable anonymous donation we would not have been able to provide the gift of groceries.

We have been informed by our “adoptive” family’s caseworker that our gifts were received with heartfelt appreciation and sincere gratitude.

The LCPA thanks the anonymous donor for his/her/its extraordinary generosity this holiday season. Please know that you have caused a profoundly positive effect upon an entire family here in our own community. **THANK YOU!**



Lunch and Learn Information

“To Marry or Not: Dealing with Property Issues”

Host: Melody Protasio, Esquire

On August 24th Attorney Protasio presented an instructive Lunch and Learn, which was well attended and thought provoking. Members in attendance learned a lot about the different ways property is divided depending on how the property is titled and whether or not couples are married.

“Your Rights Under Gas and Oil Leases”

Host: Levi Woodward, Esquire

On September 14th Attorney Woodward presented an informative Lunch and Learn relative to the increasing natural gas boom here in Lycoming and surrounding counties. Many hypothetical scenarios were discussed and contemplated during the presentation and it is apparent that numerous factors must be considered when advising clients who are interested in entering a gas lease.

**If any members know of an attorney who is
willing to speak at a future event, please
contact any board member.**

Bankruptcy Basics:

Only an experienced attorney can help make informed decisions about a bankruptcy situation. The bankruptcy process is governed by federal law. A United States bankruptcy judge will decide any matter connected with a bankruptcy case, such as eligibility to file or whether a debtor should receive a discharge of debts. The fundamental goal of the federal bankruptcy laws is to give debtors a financial “fresh start” from overwhelming debts.

The most common types of bankruptcy are Chapter 7 and Chapter 13. Typically businesses file either Chapter 7 bankruptcy or Chapter 11. When an individual or a business considers bankruptcy, there are benefits and repercussions that should be carefully weighed before making a decision. In a business context, bankruptcy can affect credit standings and even prevent a business from continuing its day to day affairs. Individuals should be aware that they may have to relinquish property and that credit scores will be affected. If any of the LCPA members work for an attorney who handles bankruptcy matters, we would love to have a Lunch and Learn about the basics of bankruptcy.



No, you can't collect my client's soul.
His personal bankruptcy wiped
out ALL debts.

COUNTY	Register & Recorder PHONE NO.
BRADFORD	570.265.1702
CENTRE	814.355.6724
CLINTON	570.893.4010
COLUMBIA	570.389.5653
LYCOMING	570.327.2263
NORTHUMBERLAND	570.988.4143
SNYDER	570.837.4224
SULLIVAN	570.836.7351
TIOGA	570.724.9260
UNION	570.524.8761

2011 LCPA Board Of Directors

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 Pam Toseki, Treasurer
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All members are encouraged to join a committee. Please contact any board member if you are interested in joining a committee.

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**Get involved: Join an LCPA Committee
 Spotlight: Continuing Education**

We need your help! The Continuing Education Committee works hard to secure regular Lunch and Learn meetings. LCPA Lunch and Learn meetings are CLE approved and free to all members (lunch is five dollars).

If you are interested in joining the Continuing Education Committee, please contact any board member.

Legal Laughs:

“I’m beginning to think that my lawyer is too interested in making money.”

“Why do you say that?”

“My last bill reads, ‘For waking up at night and thinking about your case: \$25’.”